

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-20 remain in the application.


In the Office action mailed January 12, 2005, the Examiner indicated (a) that claims 1-15 and 20 were allowable over the references of record and (b) that claims 17-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, currently amended claim 17 is independent and includes all the limitations of original claim 16.

Original claim 16 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tseng '407. The Examiner explained the Tseng reference as disclosing a putter head including a face member, a first arm, a second arm and a central member. Currently amended claim 16 defines applicant's putter head as including a face member, a first arm, a second arm and a central member. In this version of claim 16, the central member and the first arm define "a first opening therebetween" adjacent the heel end of the face member while the central member and the second arm define "a second opening therebetween" adjacent the toe end of the face member. The putter head in the Tseng reference has no such openings. Therefore, currently amended claim 16 defines an invention which is not anticipated by or obvious over Tseng '407.

In view of the preceding remarks, applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22.

Respectfully submitted,

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